

**Listing of Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

27. (New) An absorbent article, comprising:

a cover layer comprising a user contacting surface and a non-contacting surface, wherein said cover layer has indicia formed thereon, wherein said cover layer defines one or more apertures having an opening that tapers in a direction extending away from

5 said user contacting surface towards said non-contacting surface;

a bottom layer; and

an absorbent layer disposed between said cover layer and said bottom layer.

28. (New) The absorbent article of claim 27, wherein said indicia are formed upon said non-contacting surface.

29. (New) The absorbent article of claim 27, wherein said indicia are formed upon said contacting surface.

30. (New) The absorbent article of claim 27, wherein said indicia comprises a surfactant, a botanical extract, or a combination thereof.

31. (New) The absorbent article of claim 27, wherein said one or more apertures are created by a method of vacuum aperturing.

32. (New) The absorbent article of claim 27, wherein said indicia comprises an ink and a surfactant.

33. (New) The absorbent article of claim 27, wherein said indicia comprises a color that contrasts with said cover layer so as to make said indicia visually apparent to a user of the absorbent article.

34. (New) The absorbent article of claim 27, wherein said indicia comprises an ink and a botanical extract.

35. (New) The absorbent article of claim 27, wherein said indicia comprises one or more surfactants, and wherein said surfactants are at about 0.1 weight percent to about 3 weight percent of a total weight of said cover layer.

36. (New) The absorbent article of claim 27, wherein said cover layer comprises a polyolefin.

37. (New) The absorbent article of claim 27, wherein said cover layer with said one or more apertures has an open area of about 5 percent to about 35 percent relative to the total area of said cover layer.

38. (New) The absorbent article of claim 27, wherein said indicia comprises a botanical extract, and said botanical extract is selected from the group consisting of chamomile, aloe vera, jojoba, sunflower oil, citric oils, carrot oil, avocado oil, almond oil, cotton extract, vitamin extracts, and a combination comprising at least one of the

5 foregoing extracts.

39. (New) The absorbent article of claim 27, wherein said cover layer has been macroembossed.

40. (New) The absorbent article of claim 27, wherein said cover layer is bonded to an under layer comprising a material selected from the group consisting of a thermally carded web, thru air bonded web, spunlace material, apertured film, foam, and a combination comprising at least one of the foregoing materials.

41. (New) The absorbent article of claim 27, wherein said cover layer is bonded to an under layer that is treated with a surfactant, a botanical extract, or both.